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1. PETROLEUM DRILLING ACTIVITY as of 31 Dec 53

Operator	Intercol	Shell	Texas	Empresa	Colpet	Richmond	Total
Rigs Active	4	2	5	4	4	1	20
Rigging Up			1		2		3
Total	4	2	6	4	6	1	23
Properties	Totumal Agua Chica Tocoroma Agua Fria	Cantagallo San Pablo	Teran G Tetuan	DeMares	Barco	Buchado	

Wells Completed	Intercol	Shell	Texas	Empresa	Colpet	Richmond	Total
Jan - Nov 53	10	45	19	44	26	0	144

2. PETROLEUM DRILLING ACTIVITY as of 31 Mar 54

Operator	Intercol	Shell	Texas	Empresa	Colpet	Richmond	Total
Rigs Active	4	2	5	4	6	1	22
Wells Producing	2	380	18	1085	207	0	1692

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3. CONCESSIONS STATUS

As of 31 Dec 53 a total of 696 bids for petroleum concessions had been filed with the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum compared to a total of 652 as of 31 Dec 52, showing that 44 bids were filed during 1953. This compares with 59 bids filed in 1952 and 27 in 1951. Bidders for the 44 concessions are: Intercol, 20; Richmond, 9; Texas, 5; Shell, 1; Colpet, 2; J W West, 5; others, 2. During 1953 five bids were converted into concession contracts

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by the following operators: Intercol, 2; Shell, 1; Socony, 1; Texas, 1. This compares with a total of seven concession contracts signed up in 1952 and 15 in 1951. As of 31 Dec 53 a total of 28 concession properties plus one fee property were held by the following operators: Intercol, 6; Shell, 7; Texas, 5; Socony, 6; Richmond, 2; Colpet, 2; Empresa, 1.

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